



At the Court at St James's

THE 1st DAY OF APRIL 2026

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL

The following report from the Committee of Council for the Affairs of Jersey and Guernsey was today read at the Board:

“In accordance with the Royal Assent to Legislation and Petitions (Bailiwick of Jersey) Order 2022 the Committee have considered a letter from the Greffier of the States of Jersey transmitting an Act passed on 3rd February 2026 entitled the Public Records (Jersey) Amendment Law 2026:

The Committee have considered the Act and have agreed to report that it may be advisable for Your Majesty to approve and ratify it.”

His Majesty, having taken the report into consideration, was pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve and ratify the Act (a copy of which is annexed to this Order) and to order that it, together with this Order, shall be entered on the Register of the Island of Jersey and observed accordingly. His Majesty's Officers in the Island, and all others whom it may concern, are therefore to take notice of His Majesty's Order and to proceed accordingly.

Ceri King, LVO



Jersey

PUBLIC RECORDS (JERSEY) AMENDMENT LAW 202-

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PUBLIC RECORDS (JERSEY) AMENDMENT LAW 202-

A LAW to amend the [Public Records \(Jersey\) Law 2002](#).

<i>Adopted by the States</i>	<i>3 February 2026</i>
<i>Sanctioned by Order of His Majesty in Council</i>	<i>[date to be inserted]</i>
<i>Registered by the Royal Court</i>	<i>[date to be inserted]</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>[date to be inserted]</i>

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of His Most Excellent Majesty in Council, have adopted the following Law –

1 [Public Records \(Jersey\) Law 2002](#) amended

This Law amends the [Public Records \(Jersey\) Law 2002](#).

2 Article 1 (interpretation) amended

In Article 1(1), before the definition “archival” there is inserted –

“administration of the States” means –

- (a) a department established on behalf of the States; and
- (b) a body, office or unit of administration established on behalf of the States (including under an enactment);

3 Article 3 (public record) amended

In Article 3(1), after “functions” there is inserted “(whether in Jersey or elsewhere)”.

4 Article 5 (public institution) amended

(1) For Article 5(2) there is substituted –

(2) Regulations made under paragraph (1)(f) may –

- (a) prescribe a person to be a public institution for the purposes of this Law; and
- (b) be amended by Order of the Minister, on the recommendation of the Panel.

- (2) After Article 5(3) there is inserted –
- (4) If there is a dispute as to whether an entity falls within paragraph 5(1)(b) or (g)(iv), the entity or the Archivist must refer the dispute to the Minister, whose decision on the matter is final.

5 Article 9 (principal duties of Archivist) amended

For Article 9(b) there is substituted –

- (b) inspect, assess, acquire, appraise and catalogue public records;
- (ba) dispose of (or authorise the disposal of) public and other records, and survey that disposal;
- (bb) preserve and conserve records in the custody or control of the Trust and other records;

6 Article 11 (other functions of Archivist) amended

Article 11(g) and (l) are deleted.

7 Article 38 (public duty to create and keep records) amended

After Article 38(2) there is inserted –

- (2A) If the Panel becomes aware that a public institution is in breach of its duty of records management, the Panel may notify the Minister, who may take the steps that the Minister, on the advice of the Panel, considers necessary.

8 Article 38A (Code of Practice) inserted

After Article 38 there is inserted –

38A Code of Practice

- (1) The Minister must publish a Code of Practice to assist public institutions with the performance of their duty of records management under this Law.
- (2) Compliance with the Code of Practice must be taken into account in determining whether a public institution has complied with its duty of records management.
- (3) The Code may be published by making electronic copies available on a website, or by making printed copies available to public institutions.

9 Article 45 (annual and other reports) amended

- (1) For Article 45(3) there is substituted –
- (3) A report under this Article may include details of the steps taken under Article 38(2A) in relation to a public institution in breach of its duty of records management.

10 Citation and commencement

This Law may be cited as the Public Records (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- and comes into force on a day to be specified by the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development by Order.